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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Christopher Boswell

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Christopher Boswell.

(3) _____.

(2) Dave Grover.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 26 September 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,2,5,10,28 and 31.

Identification of prior art discussed: U.S. Patent Number 6,470,718 to Yang.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant discussed the limitation of "user rotatable knob", especially regarding element 27 not being a knob and it not being user rotatable. The examiner stated that the indication of element 27 was to be the ring, not the entire hook assembly, as well as element 27 is indirectly rotatable via button 4. Applicant discussed the current invention having a cinch position and a locked position. The examiner stated that Yang does disclose the two positions but does not disclose that the cable cannot be moved when locked. Applicant asked about the breakable portion of yang not being on the knob, the examiner stated that this was a typographical error. Applicant further discussed that element 36 is not in the passageway of Yang. The examiner indicated that the passageway was considered the entire opening in the housing, not just the path of the cable. The applicant and examiner further discussed language to the claims indicating a frangible connection instead of a breakable connection between the cam and the actuating member, as well as a blocking member or spring member, allowing a cable to be inserted in only one direction when the lock is in the unlocked condition, where the blocking member would be in direct interaction with the cable.